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1. (Currently amended) A bag comprising:

a bag body defining therein a compartment accessible through an opening at one end of the bag body; and

a flexible strap forming one side of the bag body and a free distal end of the strap extending beyond an end of the bag body, the strap carrying:

an array of male fastener elements proximate the distal end of the strap, each fastener element having a stem extending integrally from a band of resin extending across the strap[[],]; and

a field of exposed fibers extending along an entire length of the strap on a side of the strap opposite the male fastener elements; and

the strap being of sufficient length to wrap about an object, with the strap overlapping to engage the field of exposed fibers of the strap with the male fastener elements, to secure the bag to the object.

21. (New) A bag comprising:

a bag body defining therein a compartment accessible through an opening at one end of the bag body;

a flexible strap of width sufficient to span at least a majority of the compartment, wherein the bag body is arranged at one end of the flexible strap, and wherein a free distal end of the strap extends beyond an end of the bag body, the strap carrying an array of male fastener elements proximate the distal end of the strap on one side of the bag, each fastener element having a stem extending integrally from a band of resin extending across the strap; and

a field of exposed fibers disposed on a side of the bag opposite the male fastener elements, the male fastener elements configured to engage the field of exposed fibers to form a releasable fastening,

wherein the field of fibers extends over an entire length of the bag, such that for any overlap of the strap upon wrapping the bag about an object, the male fastener elements overlap a region of the field of exposed fibers, to releasably secure the bag about the wrapped object.

22. (New) A bag comprising:

a bag body defining therein a compartment accessible through an opening at one end of the bag body;

a flexible strap extending from the bag body and of width sufficient to span at least a majority of the compartment, the strap having a free distal end carrying an array of fastener elements on a side of the strap facing the opening; and

a field of exposed fibers on a side of the bag opposite the opening, the fibers and fastener elements configured to cooperate to form a releasable fastening when engaged upon wrapping the bag about an object with the opening held closed against the object, such that engagement of the fibers and fastener elements both retains the bag to the wrapped object and prevents access to bag contents through the opening.